



W.E.B. awards degrees to employees

The management of Aruba's provider of power and water, the Water-en Energiebedrijf Aruba, N.V. was proud to recognize eleven employees that have worked very hard for nearly two years to improve and advance within the power company's ranks. A highly technical and difficult course of study provided in cooperation with the MTS and two well respected technical schools of Holland saw a one hundred percent successful completion by the students that undertook the courses, some of them completing two levels, so to advance even further.

The Dutch school participating in the program to train staff to degrees as "Opleiding Operators in Centrales" (MBO-4) for boiler and power plant operators, was the Hogeschool Zeeland, and the REWIC technical school gave four diplomas of the "Opleiding WIC-A" advanced level. The Director of W.E.B. N.V., Mr. Jossy Lacle expressed his great pride in the achievement and determination of the staff as he allowed Wilfrido Croes of the W.E.B. management staff to do the honors. Those receiving a MBO-4 degree at the Surfside Marina on Friday afternoon, September 1 were Carlos J. de Cuba, Derwin v/d Linden, Roderick J. de Palm, Franciso G. Semeleer, Omar I. Winterdaal, Rudolfo Oduber, Jerrel A. Hous, Ireno I. Gomes, and Rafael S. Scatliffe.

The final two recipients, Ireno I. Gomes and Rafael Scatliffe also received special recognition. Ireno I. Gomes for his enthusiasm and participation; setting an example and providing an inspiration for the other students, and Rafael Scatliffe for completing not only the beginning module for a MOB-4 degree, but for being the only student to continue on and obtain in addition the WIC-A degree. This consists of twelve highly technical and difficult courses to master, and is a singular accomplishment. Receiving a WIC-A degree along with Rafael were Richenel P. Perez, Giovanni L. Croes and Rocky M.P. Croes.

Wilfredo Croes ended the ceremony with a special thanks to the many that were involved in the advanced training of the workers, with a special mention to instructor Rudy Frank. Jossy Lacle awarded a memorial trophy to the widow of Jules van Bochove, an MTS instructor who was instrumental in the success of the course, but passed away this past year before seeing the completion of his work.

The employees that completed the course of instruction were what are called "stokers" and as the name would imply, their job was to regulate the feed of fuel to the boilers and other non-technical maintenance tasks. The running of a power plant requires highly trained individuals to be run safely, and the management of W.E.B. N.V. was very well pleased with the spirit in which their staff applied themselves to their studies, and their determination to do well. Congratulations to the new graduates!